



USFRCS MEMORANDUM NO. 66

TO: Arizona Charter School Administrators;
Administrators of School Districts Sponsoring Charter Schools

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DATE: June 28, 2006

SUBJECT: Revised Charter School Annual Budget Forms, Work Sheets, and Instructions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 (Amends USFRCS Memorandum No. 65)

The 47th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session has now concluded, and additional legislation has been enacted that changes the forms and work sheets issued on June 15, 2006, with USFRCS Memorandum No. 65. The changes are explained below and revised work sheets are enclosed. If a school's FY 2006-07 budget has already been adopted, the school may revise its budget before May 15, 2007, to include these changes.

Charter School Annual Budget—Schoolwide

These forms have not changed. While Laws 2006, Chapter 353, §4 eliminated the Full-Day Kindergarten Project, the Project will remain on the FY 2006-07 budget forms for schools who received funding for full-day kindergarten in FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06 to budget for any remaining monies in the Project. Remaining monies should be used only for full-day kindergarten instruction. This project should not be used for monies received in FY 2006-07 and future years pursuant to the new kindergarten support level weight discussed below. Such monies should be accounted for in Project 1000—Schoolwide Project.

Charter School Annual Budget—School-by-School

Laws 2006, HB 2505, §1 eliminates the requirement for charter schools to budget on a school-by-school basis; therefore, schools are not required to complete the school-by-school budget form included with USFRCS Memorandum No. 65.

Budget Work Sheets

Work Sheet B

Laws 2006, Chapter 353, §9 added a Kindergarten support level weight (line I.B.1) of 0.835 for FY 2006-07, and increased the support level weights for Multiple Disabilities Severe Sensory Impairment (line I.B.7) from 6.531 to 7.947, Orthopedic Impairment (Self-Contained) (line I.B.9) from 5.576 to 6.773, and Emotionally Disabled (Private) (line I.B.11) from 4.647 to 4.822.

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Work Sheet C

Laws 2006, Chapter 353, §3 increased the base level amount to \$3,133.53. Laws 2006, Chapter 353, §27(B) restricts \$72.51 of the FY 2006-07 base level amount for use to provide salary and benefit increases for nonadministrative personnel.

Work Sheet D

Laws 2006, Chapter 353, §1 increased the additional assistance amount for grades K-8 to \$1,387.25 from \$1,330.05 and the amount for grades 9-12 to \$1,616.81 from \$1,550.14.

If you have any questions, please call the ADE School Finance Operations Unit at (602) 542-5695, or the Office of the Auditor General, Accounting Services Division at (602) 553-0333.

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